

# THE WRECK CLEARED THE NEW YEAR HERE PASSED BAD \$20 BILL

The Damage From Tuesday's Wreck Estimated at \$4000.

Engineer Glass Is Today Considered Out of Danger—Career of Engineer Sweets.

WRECKER ABOUT THROUGH

The local I. C. wrecker went out to Little Cypress this morning to complete the work of clearing the passenger wreck of Tuesday night.

A well known railroad official stated this morning in regard to the wreck:

"The accident was due to the carelessness of the crew that got hit and while the damage to the railroad is conceded to be very great, will amount to no more than \$4,000 we estimate. This includes damage to the engines, and equipment."

The damage to the passenger engine No. 201, will be about \$1,000 while the damage to the freight engine, No. 24, will be a little less. The cars were slightly damaged, the mail car being badly smashed. The total damage to the equipment will not exceed \$2,000.

Engineer D. C. Glass is better today and is now considered out of danger. He suffers a great deal from a general soreness and will be laid up for quite a while.

Engineer Robert E. Sweets, who died yesterday morning from injuries sustained in the wreck, had proven himself one of the best and most popular engineers on the division, if not of the entire system. He had been with the road for a number of years, having served when the road was only a branch later absorbed by the I. C. road. The Louisville Times says of him:

"Robert Sweets, who died of his injuries at Paducah this morning, was one of the best known engineers in the employ of the Illinois Central railroad. He was 41 years old, and had been in the service of the road for 25 years, never having worked for any other line. He and his twin brother, Joe Sweets, entered the service of the Illinois Central together as firemen, and were promoted to be engineers at the same time. It seems a strange dispensation of fate that they should leave it so nearly together. Joseph Sweets having died three weeks ago."

"Robert Sweets' wife, Mrs. Margaret Sweets, was informed as soon as it was found that her husband was injured, and she left for Paducah on the 9 o'clock train, but failed to reach her husband's side before he breathed his last. The body will be brought to Louisville this afternoon at 5:45 o'clock over the local engineer's own run, and will be taken at once to the residence, 1606 West Broadway."

"Mr. Sweets is survived by his widow and four children, Miss Nellie Sweets, and Brotha Sweets and Messrs. Robert, Jr. and Joseph Hazen Sweets. His mother, Mrs. Ellen Sweets, lives at Elizabethtown, where

Tomorrow Will be a Holiday, and Business Will Suspend.

Church Services Will be Held and There Will be a Number of "Open Houses."

NO REGULAR COURTS

Tomorrow, New Year's day, will be observed as a legal holiday. Banks will be closed and there will be only one mail delivery at the post office, the first in the morning. Judge Sanders will try no cases except those who are arrested and demand an immediate trial.

In a social way the day will be celebrated with several functions besides informal New Year calls, for which many Paducah homes will be open.

At the residence of Miss Elizabeth Sinnott on North Ninth street the Charity Club will have a tea, tomorrow afternoon from 3 to 6. The Y. M. C. A. will be especially open to young men in the afternoon from 3 to 6, and refreshments will be served. Tonight the New Year will be introduced with a ball at the Fraternity building, given under the auspices of the local Masons and Odd Fellow's lodges. Other informal watch parties will be given, and 1904 will also receive a vociferous welcome by the customary blowing of whistles and the ringing of bells.

Watch night services will be held at the First Cumberland Presbyterian church and Union Rescue mission tonight. At the Cumberland Presbyterian church the first part of the evening from 8:30 to 11:30 will be observed in a social way under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor society and the last half hour from 11:30 and 12 will be devotional with services led by Rev. George O. Bachman, pastor of the congregation. At the Union Rescue Mission the religious services will be continuous, from 8 o'clock until past 12 led by different pastors of the city.

There will be mass at St. Francis de Sales Catholic church tomorrow morning at 7 and 9 o'clock.

At the Lutheran church, South Fourth street, J. H. Rapprecht, Pastor. On New Year's day there will be German preaching in the morning at 10:15 and English preaching at night at 7:30. In connection with the night service there will also be children's service during which Christmas tree candles will be lighted. The children will also receive some few presents.

his father, the late Joseph Sweets, was for years superintendent of the jail."

Often Happens. "This is an extra fine dinner," remarked one of the guests at the farewell bachelor dinner. "Of course," replied the host, whose future wife was to do the cooking. "It is probably the best good one I will ever eat."

H. B. Duncan, of Marshall County, Arrested Here.

Warrant Issued Against Him By U. S. Commissioner for Passing Counterfeit Bill.

BILL IS A PHOTOGRAPH

H. B. Duncan, of Birmingham, Marshall county, is under arrest here for knowingly passing a counterfeit \$20 bill at Ida Eastwood's resort on West Kentucky street last night. He has been buying lumber recently and is the man who claimed a short time ago to have been robbed of \$1,178 at his home at Birmingham. It was reported that the thief got in and secured his trousers, in which the money was concealed, but the police didn't take any stock in the story.

There are several versions of the counterfeit bill story. Duncan, it is claimed, went to the Eastwood woman's house and tendered her a \$20 bill for purchases he made for himself and two friends.

He told her when she said she would go get the change that "he had been fooled so often that way," she had better get the change first and bring it to him. He kept the bill and when she returned from a neighboring saloon with the change, gave her a \$20 bill. She examined it and pronounced it counterfeit.

"It's not counterfeit," Duncan is alleged to have said.

"It is," she insisted.

"Well here, then, take this one," he returned, snatching the bill and giving her a gold certificate in its place. This is what the police expect to prove really transpired, but Duncan, it is said, tells a different story.

He claims a man from a neighboring city passed the bill on him, and that while it had been refused in a saloon as a counterfeit bill, he did not know for certain it was and thought possibly it was a good bill. When the woman refused to take it, he declares, saying that it was counterfeit, he told her that he didn't know whether it was or not, but that as some said it was he'd give her one that there was no doubt about, and then gave her the gold certificate.

The bill is a photograph of a \$20 certificate of the Mayfield bank, with the signature of Mr. H. A. Hale on it. The likeness so far as form is concerned is good. In fact, if it were not for the bad coloring of the bill, it would take an expert to see that it is counterfeit. It is a fine piece of work so far as appearance to the uninitiated is concerned, but on close inspection it is readily seen that the bill is a photograph.

The authorities think they may now be able to uncover a big gang of counterfeiters. U. S. Commissioner Gardner today issued a warrant against Duncan for violation of the federal laws and it was served on him by Deputy U. S. Marshal Hubbard. The police say they can prove that Duncan attempted to pass the bill in a saloon yesterday and it was thrown back to him and he was told it was a counterfeit, and consequently passed it knowingly.

As the bill is a Mayfield bank note, the indications are that the gang is in this section, and that secret service men will be sent here at once by Uncle Sam.

When the local authorities learned that U. S. Commissioner Gardner had issued a warrant against Duncan, they turned him over to the federal authorities and decided not to issue a warrant against him in the police court.

Duncan has been in trouble before. He is understood, having been arrested at Mayfield for arson a few years ago.

## LICENSED TO MARRY.

Jerry Hall, of the county, age 41 to Fannie Pell, of the city, age 19. First marriage of the groom and second of the bride.

John Kohler, of St. Louis, age 20 to Marie Kohler, of St. Louis, age 25. First couple. First marriage of both.

## ALLEGED ABANDONMENT.

G. H. Kennedy has filed a suit for divorce against his wife, E. H. Kennedy, alleging abandonment. They were married in Nashville in July, 1882, and the abandonment is alleged to have occurred in 1901.

The 18-year-old son of Road Supervisor Bert Johnson, of the Blainville road is quite ill from appendicitis.

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## Theatrical Notes.

Speaking of theatre fires the Kentucky theatre in Paducah can be emptied in a few seconds. There are twenty four exits, and all necessary to do in order to get out would be to push open the exits. They all open outward.

The New York theaters have begun to cut prices and the Manhattan, beginning Monday, will sell the best seats for \$1.50 which two other theaters are doing. the Majestic and New York. This is one result of the hard times in theatrical circles.

Mr. Clay Clement's character study, "The New Dominion," in which he personates Baron von Hohenstauffen, has won him world wide fame.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Mr. Clement comes to The Kentucky New Years matinee and evening.

The good old melodramas of twenty years ago are on the shelf and some of the current ones ought to join them. "The Convict's Daughter," at the Kentucky Monday night is unlike and far above the commonplace plays of its class. The plot is original and reasonably developed in five acts of intense action, sensational scenes and scenic realism eclipsing all previous efforts in stage mechanism.

For the first time since her retirement, nearly 15 years ago, Mary Anderson (Madame de Navarre), the famous American actress and formerly of Louisville, has reappeared on the stage.

The event took place at the People's Palace, in the East End of London, at an entertainment given by the Rev. Father Bernard Vaughan for the poor, sick and suffering, among whom he labors. She sang several songs and read the balcony scene from Romeo and Juliet.

The average male "star" on the stage is a very pompous, egotistical and inconsiderate man. He seems to care very little for anything except himself. Recently in a big production seen at the Kentucky theatre here there were eight ladies in the cast, and only one of them got to occupy the dressing rooms on the stage floor, all the others being forced to go into those beneath the stage intended for the chorus. The reason of this was that the men "copped out" the best dressing rooms, the male stars taking possession of them and saying that they were going to have them "they didn't give a d— where the others went." This display of gallantry is said to be exhibited occasionally by the male stars but it was the first time it had ever been seen in Paducah.

A fine example of the scene painter's art is disclosed in the third act of "Her Only Sin," which will be introduced to local theatergoers under the management of Lincoln J. Carter Saturday matinee and night. It shows a bit of old Burges in a walled garden and rose embowered cottage with a view of the square beyond and high topped Bell Tower so famous in history. By a strange coincidence, Mr. Butler, the artist who executed the painting of this very scene, was at one time an inhabitant of Burges, and so has been able to add a touch of local coloring not to be copied from the hard outlines of photography. Indeed the very cottage which the spectators see in this scene is reproduced from memory as the one in which Mr. Butler himself lived in while in the picturesque old Belgian city.

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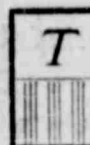
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